

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLREP #2 AND FINAL**

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Project File

I. BACKGROUND

Site Name: Chaney Creek Mystery Spill
Address: Lacy Evans Road
Wiggins, Stone County, Mississippi 39577
FPN: E02416
PRFA: Yes
Response Authority: OPA
Lead Agency: EPA Region 4
Party Conducting Action: Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MSDEQ)

II. SITUATION

Date of notification: September 16, 2002
Date action started: September 16, 2002
Completion Date: September 17, 2002
Pollutant: motor oil in creek
Quantity discharged: approximately 100 gallons
Substantial threat: no
Surface water: Chaney Creek
Source identification: unknown (illegal dumping)
Potential responsible party: unknown

III. ACTIONS

On September 16, 2002, MSDEQ reported to the NRC that a material appearing to be motor oil was dumped off a small bridge into Chaney Creek in Wiggins, Sone County, Mississippi. No responsible parties could be identified so MSDEQ took the lead in responding to this incident under a Pollution Removal Funding Authorization (PRFA) from EPA Region 4. During the next 24 hours, concluding on September 17, MSDEQ and their contractors deployed containment equipment and recovered as much of the discharged oil and oil-stained soils and

vegetation as possible. By the end of the removal action, approximately 5 cubic yards of oil and debris was recovered and shipped off-site for disposal as non-hazardous oily waste.

IV. FUTURE ACTIONS

No further response efforts will be required. Efforts to identify the responsible parties have not been successful.

V. ESTIMATED COSTS

The OSC initially requested \$20,000 from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund through a PRFA. Final costs as submitted by MSDEQ are shown below.

MSDEQ Personnel	\$ 200.08
MSDEQ Contractors	\$ 4,920.00
MSDEQ Disposal	<u>\$ 1,814.82</u>
Total Costs	\$ 6,935.15

The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written.